JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Court of Appeals, Seat 7

1. NAME: The Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits

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Greenville, SC 29602

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2. Date of Birth: 1965

Columbia, SC

Place of Birth:
3. Are you a citizen of SC?

I am a citizen of SC.

Are you a chizen of Sc.

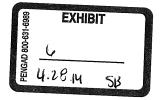
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years?

I have been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past 5 years.

- 5. Family Status: Married to Spero John Conits on December 8, 2007. Never divorced. Two children.
- 6. Have you served in the military?

I have never served in the military.

- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - (a) Lander College, Greenwood, SC: August 1983 December 1984 I transferred to USC, Columbia, SC, to be closer to family and friends;
 - (b) USC: January 1984 May 1987; BS in Applied Professional Sciences;
 - (c) USC School of Law: May 1989 May 1992; JD
- 8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.
 - SC 1992. I am not admitted to practice in any other state, nor have I taken any other bar exam. I took the SC bar exam one (1) time.
- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) Lander College Women's Basketball Team 1983/1984 Basketball Season;
 - (b) Lander College Work/Study Program 1984 Fall Semester;
 - (c) SC Multiple Sclerosis Society
 - (d) Secretary/Board of Trustees 1986-87;
 - (e) American Bar Association Student Division 1989-92;
 - (f) Student Bar Association 1989-92;
 - (g) Phil Delta Phi 1990;
- (h) International Law Society 1989-91.
- 10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed.



Conference/CLE Name		<u>Date</u>
(a)	Family Court Judges' Conference	04/22/09;
(b)	2009 Annual Judicial Conference	08/19/09;
(c)	SC Bar Convention Family Law	01/22/10;
(d)	Family Court Judges' Conference	04/22/10;
(e)	2010 Judicial Conference	08/18/10;
(f)	Mini Summit on Justice for Children	12/02/10;
(g)	SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar	12/03/10;
(h)	SC Bar Family Court Section	01/21/11;
(i)	National Business Institute, What Family Court Judges Want	02/18/11;
(j)	2011 Annual Judicial Conference	08/18/11;
(k)	Children's Center Abuse & Neglect	11/18/11;
(1)	SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar	12/02/11;
(m)	SC Bar Convention Family Law	01/20/12;
(n)	Family Court Judge's Conference	04/18/12;
(0)	2012 Annual Judicial Conference	08/22/12;
(p)	Mandatory Family Court Judges	12/06/12;
(q)	SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar	12/07/12;
(s)	SC Bar Convention Family Law	01/25/13;
(t)	Family Court Judges' Conference	04/27/13;
(u)	2013 Judicial Conference	08/21/13;
(v)	SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar	12/06/13;
(w)	SC Bar Convention Family Court	01/24/14.

- Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
 - (a) I taught briefly at the SC Court Administration Orientation for Family Court Judges on July 11, 2007;
 - (b) I participated as a judge at the SC Bar High School Mock Trial Competition on February 23, 2008 in Greenville, SC;
 - (c) I participated as a judge at the Carol N. Ney National Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University on March 26, 2010;
 - (d) I participated as a panel speaker at the National Business Institute Judicial Forum on February 18, 2011;
 - (e) I participated as a speaker at the Greenville High School Law Week on April 5, 2011;
 - (f) I participated as a speaker at the Children's Law Center Ethical Issues in Abuse and Neglect Cases on November 18, 2011;
 - (g) I participated as a speaker at the SC Bar Family Court Bench/Bar Seminar on December 2, 2011;
 - (h) I participated as a speaker at the National Business Institute Judicial Forum on February 16, 2012;
 - (i) I participated as a judge at the Carol N. Ney National Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University on March 23, 2012;
 - (j) I have hosted a student intern each summer through the NMRS Center on Professionalism Judicial Observation and Experience Program;

- (k) I hosted a student from the Access to Justice Commission to observe court on October 2, 2012;
- (1) I participated as a panel member at the SC Family Court Bench/Bar Seminar on December 7, 2012;
- (m) I participated as a speaker at the SC Women Lawyer's Meeting in Greenville on December 13, 2012;
- (n) I participated as a speaker at the Greenville County Bar Association Year End CLE on February 15, 2013;
- (o) I taught at the SC Bar Bridge the Gap Seminar at USC on March 11, 2013;
- (p) I participated as a judge at the Carol N. Ney National Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University on March 15, 2013;
- (q) I taught at the SC Bar Bridge the Gap Seminar at USC on August 5, 2013;
- (r) I spoke to the Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville on October 16, 2013.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.

Marital Litigation in SC Substantive Law Third Edition

Roy T. Stuckey (S.C. Bar CLE 2001), Editorial Board.

- 13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
 - (a) SC Supreme Court

November 18, 1992;

(b) United States District Court

April 7, 1993;

(c) United States Court of Appeals

June 16, 1993;

(d) United States Supreme Court

March 18, 2002.

14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.

I graduated from law school in May 1992, and my son, Capers was born in October 1992. After law school graduation, I worked part-time as a law clerk/paralegal at Harris & Graves, Columbia, SC, and the Law Offices of Betty Gambrell Cobb, Columbia, SC. In January 1993, I accepted by first practicing position as an Associate Attorney at the Law Offices of King & Vernon, P.A., Columbia, SC. I worked primarily for Kermit S. King, focusing on private family court litigation. In January 1997, my son and I relocated to Greenville, SC, and I accepted a position at Wilkins & Madden, P.A., where I continued my family court practice. I was promoted to Partner at Wilkins & Madden, P.A., in March 2000. Wilkins & Madden, P.A. merged with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in February 2006. I was elected to the SC Family Court Bench in February 2006, and stopped practicing law in May 2006, when I was sworn in. I took the bench to fill the unexpired term of Stephen S. Bartlett in September 2006, and started my own term in June 2007. I was re-elected for my second term in June 2013. I have devoted my entire legal career to the area family law.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, <u>Best Lawyers</u>, <u>Chambers</u>, <u>Legal 500</u>, <u>Martindale-Hubbell</u>, <u>Who's Who Legal</u>, <u>Super Lawyers</u>, <u>etc.</u>? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any. My last available rating in Martindale-Hubbell was an AV.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?

(a) federal: I have never practiced in the federal court system;

(b) state: I appeared in Family Court, on average, 1 to 3 times per week during

the 5 years prior to taking the Family Court bench.

17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?

(a) civil: 0%; (b) criminal: 0%;

(c) domestic: 100%;

(d) other: 0%.

18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

(a) jury: 0%; (b) non-jury: 100%.

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters?

During the five years prior to taking the Family Court bench, I most often served as chief counsel; and during the last 2 to 3 years prior to taking the bench, I most often served as sole counsel.

- 19. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.
 - (a) Rollins v. Rollins I represented the Wife in this matter, and litigated this matter for two (2) days. Wife obtained a divorce on the ground of desertion, which often times is overlooked as a fault-based divorce ground. I believe the ground of desertion benefited by client in obtaining the best possible result on the issues of alimony, equitable division, and attorney fees. The public policy of this State is to preserve and protect marriage, and I believe by proving the divorce ground of desertion, we were able to impress upon the Court the importance of preserving and protecting marriage and the harmful impact divorce had on this innocent spouse and the children of this marriage. This matter also involved valuation issues surrounding Husband's business interest, and both parties used the testimony of qualified experts on the business valuation issue.
 - (b) Leonard v. Leonard I represented the Father in this custody action, and litigated this matter for three (3) days. This litigation commencing in mid 1995, and the final merits hearing occurred in mid 1998, three (3) years later. Father did not have pendent lite custody, but was awarded sole custody at the final merits hearing. I believe this case was significant because often times in private custody actions the litigant who receives pendent lite custody has a clear advantage at the final merits hearing, especially when that parent has retained pendent lite custody for three (3) years. This case involved issues relative to "parental alienation" type behavior from the opposing party, and we were able to impress upon the Court the impact that this conduct can have on children, even though such conduct often is extremely subtle and difficult to demonstrate.
 - (c) Zdunich v. Cortina I represented the Mother in this post-divorce modification of custody action, and litigated this matter for five (5) days. Mother was successful in

receiving an award of primary custody of her children, after having lost custody in the original divorce action. This matter involved the application of language from a prior court order defining "change in circumstance" as defined by the prior order, thereby allowing the Court to apply the applicable factors in making a custody determination. This trial involved the expert testimony of two (2) psychologists. This trial involved child support by using imputed income to Father, who was recently self-employed at the time of trial.

- (d) <u>Ebert v. Ebert</u>, 320 S.C. 331, 465 S.E.2d 121 (1995 Ct.App.) This case involved the application and interpretation of the parties' settlement agreement which was approved and adopted as the Order of the Court. I served as co-counsel with Mr. Kermit King during the trial and appeal of this matter. Although we were unsuccessful in having either the trial court of the appellate court accept our legal theory, we were successful in obtaining relief for our client. This matter was significant to me as a young attorney in learning to develop theories and themes for relief. Had the appellate court not remanded this matter to the lower court for a date certain by which the former marital residence as to be sold, my client could still be paying his former spouse contrary to the intent of the agreement.
- (e) Thigpen v. Thigpen I represented Wife in this matter, which involved Husband's claim that her pre-marital assets had been transmuted into marital assets (a home and business). We were successful in protecting the pre-marital character of both of these assets, with no transmutation or special equity. This case was significant because it involved substantial tracing of funds throughout the marriage to defendant Husband's allegations of transmutation and special equity.
- 20. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.

Ebert v. Ebert, 320 S.C. 331, 465 S.E.2d 121 (November 6, 1995 Ct.App.)

21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled.

I have not handled a criminal appeal.

22. Have you ever held judicial office?

Since September 1, 2006, I have held Seat #1 SC Family Court for Greenville County. I was elected by the SC Legislature to this position in February 2006.

The Family Court is a court of limited, exclusive, and concurrent jurisdiction pursuant S.C. Code Sections 63-3-510; 63-3-520; 63-3-530; 62-5-201; 63-7-2520; 62-1-302; 63-7-1610; 63-9-40.

- 23. If the answer to question 22 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
 - (a) SC Department of Social Services, Respondent v. Mary C and Daniel C. 396 S.C. 15, 720 S.E.2d 503 (Ct.App. 2011). This was a case involving sexual abuse allegations against Father. This case lasted over three (3) days, and there was voluminous evidence and testimony presented at trial. The Supreme Court affirmed my finding of an unknown perpetrator. The Supreme Court reversed my award of attorney fees for the DSS Guardian ad Litem and the award of private Guardian ad Litem fees.
 - (b) <u>Leah Gorecki v. Jeffrey Anthony Gorecki, 387 S.C. 626, 693 S.E.2d 413 (S.C. App. 2010)</u>. This was a divorce action from a long-term marriage. Husband appealed the

- divorce grounds, equitable division award, alimony award, and attorney fees. The Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling on all issues.
- (c) Patsy Gail Nicholson and Kyle Allen Nicholson v. F. Allan Nicholson, 878 S.C. 523, 663 S.E.2d 74, (S.C. App. 2008). This action involved college education expenses for the parties' son. The Court of Appeals affirmed my award of college educational expenses.
- (d) Scott G. Roesler v. Sara A. Roesler, 396 S.C. 100, 719 S.E.2d 275 (S.C. App. 2011). This was a divorce action where Wife contested jurisdiction and sought alimony for the first time at the final merits hearing. The Court of Appeals affirmed my exercise of personal and subject-matter jurisdiction; affirmed my refusal to appoint and attorney for Wife; and affirmed my waiver of mandatory mediation. The Court of Appeals reversed my decision not to entertain Wife's alimony request and remanded the matter for me to exercise my discretion in this regard.
- (e) <u>McClure v. McClure, 2008-DR-23-1043, April 5, 2010</u>. This was a divorce action from a long-term marriage. This trial involved complex business valuation testimony.
- 24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office?

I have never held public office other than this judicial seat.

25. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office.

I have had no other employment while serving as a judge.

- 26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?

 I have never been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office.
- 27. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office?

I was employed from May 1992 through October 1992 by Harris & Graves and by the Law Offices of Betty J. Gambrell Cobb, Columbia, SC as a paralegal and law clerk.

I was employed during my third year of law school at the Law Offices of Betty J. Gambrell Cobb, Columbia, SC (1991-92). I performed law clerking duties in her family court practice.

I was employed during my second year of law school as a law clerk at Berry, Dunbar, Daniel, O'Connor, Jordan & Eslinger (1990-91). I performed law clerking duties in their general practice.

I was employed as an administrative assistant/legal secretary from 1987 through 1989 at Berry, Dunbar, Daniel, O'Connor, Jordan & Eslinger, Columbia, SC. I worked directly for the late James V. Dunbar, Jr., and W. Hartley Powell. I provided administrative support in an immigration law practice.

I was employed part-time during college at the Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, SC (1986-87) and Electronic Business Equipment, Columbia, SC (1985-86). I performed administrative assistant and secretarial duties.

- 28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?
 - I am not an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise
- 29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.

30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek.

I do not hear cases involving any employee or principal of Nachman Norwood & Parrott Wealth Management Consultancy because my investments are managed and held at this Firm.

I have consigned my daughter's clothes at Little Pampered People Consignment Shop in Greenville, SC; and, accordingly, would not hear any cases involving any employee of principal of this business.

I have consigned my own clothes at Labels Resale Shop; and, accordingly, would not hear any cases involving any employee or principal of this business.

31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law?

I have never been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities.

32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

I have never been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute

Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy?

There has never been a tax lien or collection procedure instituted against me by federal, state, or local authorities. I have never defaulted on a student loan. I have never filed bankruptcy.

34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?

A former client, acting pro se, filed a civil action in the Greenville County Court of Common Pleas, captioned R. Jay Lagroon, DMD vs. Rochelle Y. Williamson DBA Wilkins and Madden, Attorneys at Law, P.A., case action number 2005-CP-23-6807. This action was filed on October 21, 2005. Mr. Dave Houser of Howser, Newman & Besley, L.L.C., Columbia, SC, was retained to represent us in this litigation. The action involved a Reconciliation Agreement between this client and his spouse. This action was dismissed with prejudice pursuant to an Order granting our Motions for Summary Judgment filed in the Greenville County Court of Common Pleas on August 7, 2007.

36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services?

I have never been investigated by the Department of Social Services. My name has never been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect.

37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance?

I am not in private practice.

38. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.?

I have a Facebook page, where occasionally I post pictures of my family and friends to share with my family and friends. I do not post political opinions or even opinions on current events in the world or the community in order to protect my judicial integrity. I do not believe my limited participation on Facebook affects my service in a judicial capacity.

39. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)?

I am not now, nor have I ever been, employed as a "lobbyist" as defined above, nor have I acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal."

40. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal?

Since filing with the Commission my letter of intent to run for judicial office, I have never accepted any of the above from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal.

41. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions.

I have no knowledge of any such formal charges or informal allegations against me or any other candidate for violating the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700.

42. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions.

I have no knowledge of any such formal charges or informal allegations against me or any other candidate for violating the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-765.

43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek.

I have made no expenditures in furtherance of my candidacy for this position.

44. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship.

I have made no such contributions, nor has any been made on my behalf.

45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened?

I have not directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to my election for this position. I have not received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly for this position.

46. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf?

I have not requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on my behalf, nor am I aware of a friend or colleague contacting a member of the General Assembly on my behalf.

47. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?

I have not solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy, nor has anyone on my behalf.

48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate?

I have not contacted members of the Judicial Merits Selection Commission about my candidacy or intention to become a candidate, nor has anyone on my behalf.

- 49. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) Greenville County Bar;
 - (b) SC Bar.
- 50. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
 - (a) Recording Secretary Board Member St. George Greek Orthodox Troupe Adelphia Dance Group;
 - (b) K-3 Sunday School Teacher St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral;
 - (c) K-2 Sunday School Teacher Grace Church, Greenville, SC;
 - (d) Administrative Support Grace Church Sunday School Department;
 - (e) SC Family Court Judge Specialty License Plate Representative for SC Highway Department.
- 51. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.

There have been several life experiences which have affected the kind of judge I am. I strongly believe that a judge's personal life experiences come into play when exercising the wide discretion afforded a judge in making decisions and rulings.

I grew up in Lexington, SC. I am 1 of 4 children. My father was a concrete finisher, and my mother was a physical therapist. I have two (2) older sisters and one (1) younger brother. My oldest sister, Barbara, died when she was in the 7th grade of cancer. My older sister, Tracy, is a 7th grade school teacher. My younger brother, Hayne, is a concrete finisher. I married the late Thomas H. Williamson, III, who died in November 1996 from cancer. I have one (1) son from this marriage, Capers, who is now 21 years old and a rising Junior at the Citadel Military College. Capers was 4 years old when his father passed away. I remarried in 2007, 11 years after Tom passed away. I was a single mother to Capers during the majority of his childhood. I remarried Spero Conits, and he and I have one daughter together, Heather, who is now 4 years old.

My father operated his own concrete finishing company, and he worked <u>extremely</u> hard. Although he did not have more than a high school education, his hard work provided

us with a comfortable lifestyle. I learned from my father the value and reward of hard work. My father had an incredibly strong work ethic, and he did not let the fact that he did not attend college hold him back or affect his self-esteem in any manner. I gained self-esteem and confidence from my father.

My mother is a soft-spoken, kind person. She literally sees nothing but the good in every person, even those who were not always nice to her. She treats everyone as if they are wonderful, special, and deserving. I have learned the true value of every person from my mother, and the fact that every person is worthy of fair and decent treatment.

I have learned the hardship of being a single parent from the tragedy of Tom's death. I have a unique perspective of the impact being without a parent can have on a child, as I watched Capers grow up without a father. I have an understanding of the difficulties of single parenthood, and I believe this understanding helps me make good decisions for parents and children leaving Family Court. I also understand how critically important it is for children to have healthy relationships with both parents. I believe I am especially vigilant in promoting and protecting a child's relationship to a parent.

I have the experience of blending children and families from prior marriages. I have three (3) grown step-children from my first marriage, and 3 step-children from my current marriage. I have a real understanding of the challenges and issues facing families as they blend together and move forward as a new family unit.

As a Family Court judge, I understand the value of every person who comes before me. I try to look at the totality of the circumstances involving litigants and their situations. I believe in the basic goodness of people, and I believe most people generally do the best they can do. I am concerned with the long-term impact of my rulings; and I try to make sure that people leave my courtroom with a sense of being treated fairly and hope for their future. I know how short and unpredictable life can be, having lost a sister and a husband to cancer. These life experiences have afforded me a true appreciation of what is important and what ultimately doesn't' matter at all. I have a special place in my heart for the parent/child relationship, having watched Capers miss Tom and learn to grow up without him.

Having served 7 ½ years on the Family Court, I am interested in pursuing a different arena in which to serve SC. After devoting my entire legal career to the area of family law, I am excited about the opportunity to pursue other areas of the law in which to devote my time and talents. I have always enjoyed research and writing and believe I offer exceptional skills in this area. The children and families of this State, who bring their matters to the appellate court for review, will benefit from my expertise in family law as I enhance my legal knowledge in other areas of the law. I have an exceptional work ethic and will provide a thorough and thoughtful review of each and every appeal, applying the laws and statutes as promulgated by the SC Legislature.

52. References:

- (a) Ambassador David H. Wilkins Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP 104 South Main Street Ninth Floor Greenville, SC 29601 864-250-2231
- (b) Mr. Kermit S. King 2008 Marion Street Suite D Columbia, SC 29201

803-779-3090

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 864-255-7967

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Rochelle Y. Conits

Date: 3/7/14